

II. REMARKS

Formal Matters

Claims 1-9, 11-14, 22, 23, and 25-29 are pending after entry of the amendments set forth herein.

Claims 6-9, 14, 22, 23, and 25-29 are withdrawn from consideration.

Claims 1-5 and 11 are amended. The amendments to the claims were made solely in the interest of expediting prosecution, and are not to be construed as an acquiescence to any objection or rejection of any claim. Support for the amendments to claims 1-5 and 11 is found in the claims as originally filed, and throughout the specification, in particular at the following exemplary locations: page 20, lines 14-26; page 10, lines 9-21; and page 11, lines 16-17. Accordingly, no new matter is added by these amendments.

Claims 10, 15-21 and 24 are canceled without prejudice to renewal, without intent to acquiesce to any rejection, and without intent to surrender any subject matter encompassed by the canceled claims. Applicants expressly reserve the right to pursue any canceled subject matter in one or more continuation and/or divisional applications.

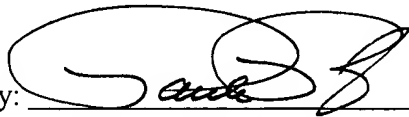
Applicants respectfully request allowance of the claims under consideration.

III. CONCLUSION

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 and 1.17 which may be required by this paper, or to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 50-0815, order number UCAL173CON.

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